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(Case No. 14883US02)

In the Application of:

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MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 20, 2008 in the above-identified application and accompanies the issue/publication fee transmittal (part B).

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that any of the Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance might present only some of the reasons for allowance of the claims, and that other reasons may also exist for allowing the claims such as, for example, those set forth more completely in the record as a whole. This interpretation is consistent with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, which states that any statement of reasons for allowance "[i]s not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed and should not be written to specifically or impliedly state all the reasons for allowance are set forth." M.P.E.P. § 1302.14.

Applicants respectfully submit that any of the Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance might imply that the dependent claims are only allowable because they depend from allowed independent claims. However, the Examiner's statements do not discuss any of the other elements of the claimed subject matter, in particular, those additional elements recited in the dependent claims which may render the dependent claims independently allowable in view of the specification, prosecution file history and/or the documents made of record, either alone or in combination.

Finally, Applicants agree with the Examiner that claims 2-36 and 51-56 are allowable in view of all of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination. However, Applicants do not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination, or the Examiner's characterization of recited claim elements. In closing, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to argue the characterization of the documents of record, either alone or in combination, to argue what is

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allegedly well known, allegedly obvious or allegedly disclosed, or to argue the characterization of the recited claim elements should that need arise in the future.

If the Examiner has questions, or if Applicants can be of assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, to charge any fee deficiencies or to credit any overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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